

ssad: Syria, Jordan coordinate

MMAN, April 7 (R). — Syrian President Hafez Assad g unoted today as calling on the Arab world to put afforts into bolstering the Syrian and Jordanian bord-Exprotect itself from Israel. The daily Al Akhbar President Assad told a delegation of Jordanian that he and King Husseln were in constant the said steps were being taken to coordinate the confirmation policies. Their relations, he said, would be affected by their differing stands on Egyptian that Anwar Sadat's near moves towards Israel resident Anwar Sadat's peace moves towards Israel. rden tried to mediate between President Assad and resident Sadat.

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Eritreans appeal Ethiopian onslaught

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spokesman for the second or Entrean fighting organithe Eritrean People Lithe ution Front (EPLF), said in ne today his organisation

EEC seeks to guard against \$ decline

ENHAGEN, April 7 (R). ders of the nine EEC countoday opened summit tawhich could produce joint on to insulate the European munity against the dollar's

he central theme of their day meeting was revival of West's flagging economy rder to fight unemployment, 1. 3MS.Sich now stands at six millin the community.

he leaders, President Vale-Jiscard d'Estaing of France the prime ministers of the er eight EEC nations, had

leading

'VIE, April 7 (R). — The Red

gades guerrilla gang struck

in today in their self-proc-

ned "civil war" by shooting

· wounding an industrialist

s ago in the most sensati-l attack of their five-year

against the state, shot Sig-

Felice Schlavetti as he left

ignor Schiavetti, 50, an in-

"nstrialists' Association, was

into his legs and one into

n Rome, where offices of the ng Christian Democratic ty and a police barrack

e bombed overnight, leaders

Italy's major parties united

rejecting any deal with the

gades for Signor Moro's re-

His wife Eleonora, breaking three-week silence on the

right hand, police said.

ne for work in Genoa. :

trial designer and financier is president of the Genoa

the gummen fired four bul-

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wo masked gummen from brigades, who kidnapped

ner Premier Aldo Moro 22

aorthern Italy.

before them a proposal from the common market commiss-ion intended to shield their currencies from the vagaries of the U.S. dollar.
Well placed EEC sources said it seemed likely the sum-

mit would endorse such a sys-

believed that Ethiopia -- backed by Cuba and the Soviet

Union -- was about to launch

a major attack aimed at regaining control of Eritrea. The guerrillas control most of the Eritrean countryside and

all but five major cities. They

scored a series of spectacular

victories against the Ethiopi-

ans last year and earlier this year -- when the Ethiopian

army was tied down in the war

against Somali forces in the

Since Somalia withdrew re-

gular forces from the Ogaden

following a massive Cuban-ba-

cked Ethiopian counter-offen-

sive, Eritrean guerrillas have predicted an onslaught on the

Ogađen desert.

northern province.

Commission President Roy Jenkins has proposed the nine make greater use of the European unit of account, whose value currently \$1.25 is based on a basket of their currencies, for transactions within the co-

Brigades shoot

Italian

be returned to us."

blished today that she believed

his release could still be secu-

red, but added in the letter to

the Milan morning newspaper

Il Giorno: "We have no signs

to boister our hope that he will

In a message she hoped wo-

uld reach her husband, Signora

Moro wrote: "We want him to

know that we are near, that

we are living moment by mo-

ment with him, every hour of these longest of days, that we are praying with him."

The Genoa attack was the

second carried out by the Brigades since they kidnapped Si-

gnor Moro and killed his five

guards in Rome on March 16. They shot and wounded Giova-

nni Picco, a former Christian

Democratic mayor of Turin,

"This is the Red Brigades," said an anonymous caller to local news media within min-

utes of this morning's shoot-

ing, "We have shot Schiavetti.

A communique will follow."

The attack revealed once

again the brigades' ability to

two weeks ago.

mmunity.

Mr. Mahmoud Riad (fourth from left) Secretary General of the Arab League chats to Jordanian officials including Chief of the Royal Court Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf and Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh (fifth and sixth from left respectively) before leaving Amman airport on Friday

Riad in Kuwait promoting Arab Jordanian-Libyan summit oint communique issued on talks in the central sector. | Strate | Israel has said it volume | Israel has said it

He is expected to seek Ku-

wait participation in a high-level Arab committee set up

by an Arab League meeting in

Cairo last month to try to set-

tle Arab differences over Egy-

pt's peace initiative with Is-

rael prior to convening the pro-

Mr. Riad, who arrived in Am-

man yesterday and met King

Hussein, told Al Dustour daily

newspaper that the summit --

proposed by Jordan -- "is ne-

cessary because of Israeli refu-

sal to withdraw from the oc-

cupied Arab lands and its de-

nial of the Palestinian people's

KUWAIT, April 7 (R). — Arab League Secretary General Ma-hmoud Riad arrived here today in the course of an Arab tour aimed primarily at exploring the possibilities of holding an

Arab summit conference. Mr. Riad, who flew in from

personality

efficiency. Hundreds of police had been hunting all this week

for guerrilla "cells" in Genoa.

long since a haunt for the ex-

treme leftist brigades.

Last night leaders of the

Christian Democrats, the Co-

mmunist Party and the Social-

ists joined together in reaffir-

ming their refusal to bargain for Signor Moro's life.

tian Democratic Secretary Be-

nigno Zaccagnini and Socialist

chief Bettino Craxi, Communist

Party leader Enrico Berlinguer

said in a television interview

that the state had to make a

state's firm rejection of any

blackmail or submission ... is

the only way to safeguard the interests of the nation, which

must go before everything

want the release of communist

prisoners in Italian jails but

Prime Minister Giulio Andreot-ti told parliament on Tuesday:

"We refuse in the strongest po-

ssible terms any acceptance of

The brigades have said they

Signor Berlinguer said: "The

stand against the guerrillas.

Echoing the views of Chris-

Amman, will see the Emir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, and senior officials of this Gulf state tomorr-

Libya willing

rights."

"But this conference should be prepared for because of differences," he added. Mr. Riad has visited Syria and Saudi Arabia.

Syria, Algeria, South Yemen, the Libyan Jamahiriyah, Iraq and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), opposing Egyptian President Sadat's peace initiative, have already announced that they will not take part in a meeting at the highest level if President Sadat attended.

But Jordanian Prime Minister Mudar Badran, who returned last night from a visit to Libya, confirmed earlier press reports that Libya is now willing to attend.

Mr. Riad said the Arab peace-keeping force in Leban-on would be withdrawn if requested by Lebanese President Elias Sarkis.

The force's presence in Lebanon is determined by President Sarkis' success in forming the Lebanese security forces and by the return of peace among all the parties in Le-banon," he added.

Jordan-Libyan statement

AMMAN April 7 (JNA). - An official communique issued in Libya yesterday evening said meetings between Mr. Badran and Libyan officials "were held in an atmosphere dominated by a brotherly spirit." The statement said the two sides "condemn the continuous Israeli aggression against the Arab nation, particularly the Israeli aggression against south Lebanon.

The statement emphasised "the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination on their own land," and said the two parties "strongly stand against any attempt to compro-mise Palestinian national rights, and adhere to the necessity of liberating all occupied Arab territories. They laud the steadfastness and struggle of the Palestinian people in the occupied areas, and strongly condemn all kinds of Israeli repression and terror."

The Libyan side expressed appreciation of Jordan's steadfast and shouldering of its national responsibilities. The two sides expressed appreciation for the role the Libyan Jamahiriyah is playing in the Arab liberation movement.

The statement said that during the visit bilateral relations were reviewed with the two. sides expressing satisfaction at the continuing growth of their relations. The two sides also agreed on the need for widening the scope of this coopera-tion with a view to popular links in all fields."

PLO office in remain open,

main open.

"Our view has been that as long as it complies with all relevant laws and is staffed by people who entered the United States legally, it

Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz had questioned allowing the PLO to kee officials in this country following the raid last month along the Tel Aviv-Haifa coast road in which 35 Isra-

Nations. As a government

Israeli withdrawal plans are inadequate Kurt Waldheim says

UNITED NATIONS, April 7 (R). — U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim is not satisfied with Israel's plans for a partial withdrawal from Lebanon, a U.N. spokesman said today. The spokesman said Mr. Waldheim was pleased plans were being made to begin implementing the withdrawal provisions of a U.N. Security Council resolution.

the withdrawal after Norwe-

Israel about it.

cope with it."

in its 1967 lines.

gian officers told reporters in

The U.N. spokesman in Je-

rusalem said the Norwegians

were fired on at around mid-

night and pulled out of the vil-

added. "As you know, our for-

ces are not heavily armed. They

are just armed with light wea-

pons for self defence. So if so-

mething happens they cannot

Palestinians have fired

the U.N. troops at Kaoukaba several times and wounded a

dent Anwar Sadat said he

would accept small changes in

Israel's pre-war borders, bring-

ing Egyptian policy into line

with that of the United States.

will retreat almost totally to

the lines that preceded the six-

day war, we must know that

this would lead us to endange-

ring our future," Begin said.
"It is my duty to say today

that we will not sign such a

people, its peace and its futu-

Outside the hall about 75

leftwing university students

demonstrated against awarding

Begin the degree and shouted

"If we are asked to sign a

"They had no choice,"

lage without retaliating.

"However, he does not think that the plans so far submitted are adequate since resolution calls for the total withdrawal forthwith of Israeli forces from all Lebanese territory," he added.

The spokesman was answering a request for comment from the secretary general, now in London, on an initial withdrawal plan submitted last night by Israeli Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur to the chief co-ordinator of U.N. peace-keep-ing missions in the Middle East.

The plan calls for a two-sta-ge pull-out. On April 11 Israeli troops in southeastern Lebanon would withdraw distances ranging from two to three kms. to about seven kms.

On April 14, they would move back some five or six kms.

Israel has said it will withdraw entirely once the U.N. interim force in Lebanon, now up to about half of its projected 4,000-man strength, can take over and prevent the return of Arab guerrillas to the area.

Arab pressure

The Security Council, under pressure from Arab delegations for further action to speed Is-rael's withdrawal, will hold private consultations on the matter next Monday, a Council spokesman reported.

Council members would then a new round of debate on the Lebanon situation.

Meanwhile, Norwegian peacekeeping troops abandoned a southern Lebanese village last night when Palestinian guerrillas fired at them, a U.N. spokesman said today.

The two Norwegian platoons returned to the village of Kaoukaba during the morning. The village is near the strategic Khardali bridge across the Litani river.

Gen. Emmanuel Erskine, the U.N. commander in southern Lebanon, flew to investigate

WASHINGTON, April 7 (R). --

The State Department said yes-

terday that the scale and du-

ration of Israel's military ope-

rations in southern Lebanon

raised serious questions about

the agreement under which it

Secretary of State Cyrus Va-

Under a recent provision of

the arms export control act,

the administration must report

promptly to Congress if it be-

lieves there is a possible viola-

tion of regulations governing

A 1952 agreement with Israel

nce informed Congress yesterday that Israel may have vio-lated the conditions of that ag-reement, but he did not reco-

receives American weapons.

mmend punitive action.

overseas arms sales.

JERUSALEM, April 7 (AP). — Prime Minister Menachem Beslogans against Israel's campaign in southern Lebanon against Palestinian guerrillas. gin said Thursday Israel would

Total withdrawal from Arab

territory rejected by Begin

terday.

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not agree to withdraw "almost Meanwhile in Cairo President totally" from occupied Arab territory, ruling out proposals for minor border adjustments Sadat has stressed that negotiations with Israel should focus on content rather than form, and reiterated Israel must withdraw from all Arab terri-Begin's remarks appeared to tories and restore Palestinian be in reply to an interview last week in which Egyptian Presi-

Norwegian soldier there yes-

More troops

Israel's army radio reported

yesterday that a Norwegian

U.N. unit was forced out of

the village of Taibe in south

Lebanon by Christian Maronite

forces who said the village was

not included in plans for de-

In Oslo it was reported that

Norway has decided to send

an additional 200 troops to its

peace keeping force in southern Lebanon.

ploying U.N. forces.

At a state dinner in honour of visiting Afghani President Mohammad Dawoud Khan Thursday, Sadat repeated his belief that the Palestinian problem was the core of the con-

"We cannot accept any solution for the problem that is not based on complete Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories without exceptions, and restoration of the legitimate rights of the Pales-tinian people," he said. commitment for the sake of our

re," Begin sald in accepting an PLO demand more honorary doctorate from the Hebrew University of Jerusa-

BEIRUT, April 7 (R). — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) today reiterated calls for the complete withdrawal of Israeli forces from southern Lebanon and said Israel's announcement of a limited puliback was not enough.

The spokesman said the Israeli plan was a cover for continued occupation of a large part of the area. "The U.N. resolution on southern Lebanon is clear: It calls for an immediate and complete withdrawal," he added

blackmail." napping said in a letter pustrike quickly and with clinical World News Roundup

North Yemeni premier to tour Gulf

N'A. April 7 (R). — North Yemen's Prime Minister Abdul Aziz dulghani will start a Gulf tour next Sunday to discuss matters common interest, official sources said today. The tour will inde Oman, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain, Qatar and wait, the sources said. Earlier in Kuwait officials said the main) of the tour was to canvas support for North Yemen's fiveır development plan Atherton becomes U.S. ambassador-at-large

appointment of veteran diplomat Alfred L. Atherton Jr., who been President Jimmy Carter's representative in Middle East ace settlement efforts, as U.S. Ambassador-at-large. Atherton

been assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs. Record price paid for bible

W YORK, April 7 (R). - A Gutenberg Bible, one of the world's

est books, fetched a record auction price of \$2 million today

ASHINGTON, April 7 (AP). - The Senate approved Timesday

Christie's auction house. Syria warns Israel will be punished

MASCUS, Syria, April 7 (AP). - The Syrian government, reabg to the kneels occupation of south Lebanon and recent acts salotage inside Syrian territory, warned today "the crimes of sel will not go unpunished." An editorial in the government am Tishrin said Syria would decide on its own terms when to white but would not be drawn tato "dangerous and adventurous

Armenian acquitted of death sentence

ISTANEUL, April 7 (R). — A young Armenian facing a possible death sentence was acquitted in an istanbul court today of charges of attempting to dismember the Turkish republic by the establishment of an independent Armenian state on its territory. Mr. Kevork Otfalian, 26, born in Libya but a resident as a stateless person in Italy, was arrested in Istanbul last August within 24 hours of driving across the Turkish border from Greece,

Delay in U.S. arms to M.E.

WASHINGTON, April 7 (R). — The Carter administration will delay submitting its controversial \$4.8 billion Middle East arms package to Congress until after the Panama Canal treaty debate ends in about three weeks, the State Department said this week. A leading U.S. senator said yesterday he plans to try to block the Carter Administration's package. Senator William Proximire said he would start moves to veto the proposal when it is submitted to Congress later this month, Under the law Congress then has 30 days to disapprove of the sale. Senator Proximire said the sale to three adversaries in the Middle East Would only increase their appetite for more sophisticated weapons. "I hope that congress will reject the package entirely," he said.

Six blacks jailed in S. Africa

PRETORIA, April 7 (R). — A supreme court judge today gave six blacks july terms ranging from seven to 18 years on charges of plotting to overtheow the government. But, closing a trk.) which has lasted one year, Judge A.P. Myburgh rejected demands by the state for the death penalty.

New York will State Dept. says

WASHINGTON, April (AP). — Responding to an Israeli inquiry, the U.S. St. ate Department said Thursday the Palestine Liberation Organisation's information office in New York can re-

can remain in operation," the department said in a brief statement.

elis were killed.

The PLO office is connected to the PLO's role as "observers" at the United the United States does not recognise the PLO and has virtually no contact with its officials.

self-defence and stipulates they internal security purposes or must not be used for any act limits U.S.-supplied weapons to of agression against any other state. Asked about the Israeli in-

cursion into southern Lebanon. a State Department spokesman said today: "We believe that there are serious questions as to the compatibility of the Israeli operations with the U.S.-Israel agreement limitations because of the circumstances, scale and duration of those op-

In Tel Aviv an Israeli spokes-man said "without going into its terms, can say we do not consider our use of the weapons was a violation of the contract." he said

Cuba accuses Owen of "singular arrogance"

Questions raised on

Israel's use of U.S.

arms in S. Lebanon

HAVANA, April 7 (R). - Cuba today fiercely rejected British Foreign Secretary David Owen's criticism of its involvement in Africa, accusing him of "singu-lar arrogance."

In an unusually strong and swift reaction, officials issued a statement attacking Dr. Owen's speech on Wednesday in which he warned of serious consequences if Cuban troops became involved in Rhodesia and Namibia (Southwest Africa), and called on the United Nations to speak out against Soviet and Cuban efforts to suppress Eritrean separatist gue-

The statement accused Dr. Owen of deliberately distorting Cuban policy over Rhodesia and Namibia and added that the problem of Eritrea was a matter for Ethiopia alone.

"Dr. Owen seems to forget he is the representative of a colonial power which for centuries was considered the example of the oppression and maltreatment of African peoples," the statement said.

Dr. Owen's speech at a banquet caused a diplomatic row, prompting the Ethiopian ambassador to walk out. It was also attacked yesterday by the Soviet news agency Tass.

Carter delays neutron bomb production plans

WASHINGTON, April 7 (R). - President Carter said today he has decided to put off production of the controversial neutron bomb. Mr. Carter said in a White House statement that production of neutron weapons in the future would be influenced by the degree to which the Soviet Union shows restraint in the arms race and its military buildup in Europe. In Bonn West Germany's conservative opposition strongly attacked President

Carter's decision to put off production of the weapon. Franz Josef Strauss, leader of the right-wing Christian Social Union, declared in a newspaper interview: "In knowledge of American history since World War II, this is the first instance of an American president openly and recognisably lying down before the Russian Tsar."

The West German government however gave President Carter's decision lutewarm approval. Britain and Belgium voiced immediate backing.

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American - Israeli racism in action

To understand the true nature of Israeli racism against the Palestinians, it is instructive to study how this racism spills over and becomes incorporated into the political attitudes of other states, and, simultaneously, how a system of reverse racism is applied to Israel itself. As usual when discussing the global reaches of Zionism's inhumanity, it is to the United States that we turn to find the latest example of immorality tucked into the folds of official

Two incidents this week illustrate this murky racist attitude that Israel and the United States have towards the Arabs. First, a discussion in the U.S. Congress last week got around to wondering whether the several hundred Libyans studying nuclear physics in the United States were not a potential security threat because they could someday use nuclear weapons in a "terrorist" operation. If the American legislators were discussing American black students studying nuclear physics and similarly applied a blanket conclusion that blacks have to be watched because they could use their knowledge to serve terrorist ends, we suggest that the American Congressmen would be out of a job in as quick a time as it takes to bring a law suit against them for libel. If this isn't racism, what is?

The reverse side of this is the telling testimony of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance before another congressional committee, in which he said "the question of proportionality" has been raised in light of Israel's massive response to the Palestinian guerrilla attack. That's real cute. While the world's most unbridled army-state uses American weapons to occupy the territory of yet another Arab state in an obvious effort to create another permanent buffer zone, all that we get from the American secretary of state is a scratch of the head and evasive questions of "proportionality"? If students of ethics are wondering what reverse-racism looks like, they don't have to look any further than this.

When we reach the point where the American Congress assumes that Libyans will grow up to become nuclear terrorists and the American secretary of state ponders the fine points of the geometry of invasions, one thinks we are moving backwards in humanity's quest to become more intelligent, more compassionate and more reasonable. It's a heavy price the world is asked to pay for Zionism.

JORDAN TIMES To a few, tai kwan tao is a way of life; in Jordan it has acquired many enthusiasts

Text and photos By Marianne Pearson

To some, tai kwan tao, the Korean martial art, is a way to keep fit or a sport, to others, a method of self-defence and to a few like Young Han Yu it is a way of life.

Mr. Yu, founder of the Jordan Tai Kwan Tao Academy, is a fifth degree black belt -the fifth degree entitles him to be called "master instructor." He began training at the age of 13 and expects to complete the final black belt degree, the ninth, when he is 50 years old. There are no young ninth degree black be-

The belts come in four colours -- beginners wear white -- and represent stages of proficiency. A minimum of three months training is required in the yellow belt grade; a half year in the green and a full year in the red. Each black belt degree requires the length of time of the degree number -- for example, the fifth degree will take at least five years of training.

The belts and degrees represent not only arduous physical training but, somewhat like yoga, a mental and spirit-ual growth, too. Taj kwan tao means literally 'leg fist morale,' the idea being that self-confidence develops with physical strength. From it will come attitudes of modesty and generosity toward weaker people, that is, non tai kwan tao practitioners. The code of behaviour forbids unfalr assaults or the unnecessary use of

Tai kwan tao is distinctively Korean. Its history goes back to the first century B.C.: mural paintings found in royal tombs of this period show fighters in tai kwan tao-like po-stures. After World War II it was revitalised and its popularity has grown steadily, first in Korea and then throughout the world.

The Jordan Tai Kwan Tao Academy is part of the World Tai Kwan Tao Federation, which counts ten million students in more than 60 countries. Mr. Yu's first "master" now teaches in Texas -- there are nearly 800 instructors in the United States alone.

In the Middle East, Saudi Arabia and Egypt both have large training programmes. tai kwan tao is also popular in Lebanon -- Mr. Yu occasionally goes to Beirut to offer seminars and advanced training to the black belts in charge of the programme.

There are two instructors with the Jordanian Armed Forces, but Mr. Yu is the only instructor of civilians in Jordan. He has about 200 trainees at present. Altogether, he estimates that he has trained, since he came to Jordan in 1975, 2,500 Jordanians, for varying lengths of time -- five of them are black belts.

Tai kwan tao can be practiced anywhere, without any special equipment. Classes meet three times a week at various places: sports city gym-nasium, American Community School, Zarqa's Latin Convent, Jabal Hussein Secondary School, Jabal Luweibdeh Vocational Centre, and Al Wasifiyah Vocational Centre. In good weather Mr. Yu prefers to hold classes outdoors.

A typical two-hour class session consists of warm-up exercises lasting about a half hour. Then there is a review of basic exercises, practice in kicks and "cat" stances (backward movements), patterned exercises which concentrate the mind and teach balance, one-step fighting (where oppo-nents agree on movements) or free fighting, and occasionally lessons in the history and meaning of tai kwan tao.

Mr. Yu plans to set up a Jordan tai kwan tao association and hold a Jordan tai kwan tao championship meet this year. "It is my duty," he



Two sisters practice free-fighting. Their father is also in the class.



Warm-up exercises on the American Community School playground include a stretching exercise for flexibility of the spine.



Forward stance punch is a basic exercise

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL DUSTOUR Friday asked what did the Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan mean by saying on his return from a visit to Romania that Israel is waiting for an American initiative on

The newspaper recalls that Mr. Dayan himself had cast doubts on the usefulness of the U.S. role following the breakdown of the Carter-Begin talks in Washington. It adds that Israel knows only too well the American attitude towards the issue: the implementation of Security Council Resolution 242 which Mr. Menachem Begin has already rejected.

"So, what does Mr. Dayan expect from the U.S.? Is he waiting for the U.S. to back down from its position?" the newspaper asks.

Al Dustour is almost certain that President Carter will not back down for many reasons. Among these, it says, is that the U.S. president is well aware that his position on the problem only meets the minimal Arab demands. Secondly, Mr. Carter himself has declared that his position is sustained by the moral values in which he believes and which he cannot disavow overnight.

In his columnn "Words" on the front page of AL RA'I, Jum'a Hammad expresses skepticism about an early full Israeli withdrawal from south Lebanon at a time when, he says, events there are getting more complicated and might entail a wide-spread conflagration.

Mr. Hammad notes that the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) is gradually being transformed into a simple peacekeeping force rather than ensuring the pseedy pullout of the invading Israeli forces from the south.

At the same time, the columnist adds, Israel is not only playing the game of linking its withdrawal with the retreat of the Palestinian resistance forces from their positions in south Lebanon, but is also pressing for the elimination of the Palestinian

presence in all of Lebanon. While Mr. Hammad does not object to the reassertion of the legitimate Lebanese authority to the south, he stresses that the role of the Palestinians resistance and the Palestinian presence is a valuable trump card which must not be compromised in any

WHAT'S GOING ON

Lecture

The Friends of Archaeology and the British Council present a lecture by Prof. Alfred Beeston of Oxford University on "The Culture of Pre-Islamic South Arabia." The lecture takes place at the British Council tonight at 6:30.





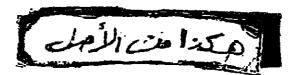
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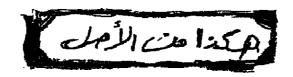


American Community School students practice high kicks. Mr. Yu is the one with a foot over his head,



Trainees bow to the instructor, then to each other, before practicing free fighting.





usi Iultiple projects draw farmers down to the Jordan Valley

is the second in a three part series on regional ing in Jordan. Jordan Times reporter Ian Kellas een interviewing officials involved in this area. is emerging as a key factor for development The final part will appear in tomorrow's

By Ian Kellas to the Jordan Times

April 7 — The fiat valley that stretnewsement in the no-lewest point on Dead Sea in the ing real experimethe canal almost to the bottom of the valley at South hills on either

dan Valley is a walled garden. It marly 90 per cent policy's fruit and veaports, and 26 per if its total agricultural valley is of strategic

ance to Jordan's ecobecause of the scope gives for agricultural ion By 1980 it could about half of the coagricultural output and ong way towards cutwn Jordan's trade defood, which last year the figure of \$150

development of agriculthe valley depends on land and people. Behese three ingredients be dealt with separate-Jordan Valley Autho-(A) has been set up and implement the ear of the region in aspects. "It's an integelcoment" Dr. Mun-Haddadin, Senior Vice at of the JVA exclained to the Jordan Times. The land is there, but both the water and the people have to be brought to the valley from outside. As early as the 1950s work was begun on building the East Ghor Canal to carry water from the Yarmouk River down the valley. Last year a new stretch of 18 kms. was completed, bringing

There are now 12,000 hectares of land under irrigation in the valley. By the end of the year, there will be 22,000 by 1982 there should be 36,000. Three irrigation projects are under construction at the moment and within five or six months the sprinklers will be switched on.

The King Talal Dam which is fed by the Zarqa River has recently been completed and water will be drawn from there to irrigate the middle sector of the valley. But there is a far bigger project now in the north. This is to throw a dam across the Yarmouk, the river which marks the Jordan-Syrian border. With a reservoir of 250 million cubic metres (MCM) and a height of about 125 metres, the Maqarin Dam will be five times the size of the King Talal Dam. When the dam is complete there will be enough water to allow the East Ghor Canal to be extended right down to the Dead Sea

and irrigate land at the southern tip of the valley,

Sprinkler irrigation makes very intensive farming possible -- up to four crops can be produced in the year. Already plastic tunnels are a familiar sight in the valley, catching the light in silver streaks as the sun goes down. But none of this can operate without people.

Enticing people back

In 1967 about 100,000 people lived in the Jordan Valley. The war in that year left the canal bombed and the region almost completely depopulat-



ed. A decade ago there were less than 5,000 people living there. Now there are 86,000. According to the seven year plan, drawn up in 1975 by Jordan Valley Commission, the fore-runner of the JVA, agriculture in the valley will support a population of 150,000. The plan is to reach that figure by about 1982.

The problem is to entice back. To do so the JVA is laying on not just irrigation, but the whole range of modern services, from tele-

phones to training centres. Development is being focused on 36 villages and towns. There used to be nearer 60, but with land as precious as it is in the valley, it has been decided that town-building should be concentrated on poorquality ground and people encouraged to commute to their farms. The furthest anyone would have to go is five kms. The valley is a picturesque

place at the moment. Donkeys and camels move about among the little mud huts grouped near the citrus groves. But according to Dr. Haddaduntil very recently there had been no new school building there since 1965. Suddenly all the way along the broad highway that runs along the valley, schools are going up. Before the plan is completed 62,000 square metres of school building will have been constructed.

Thirty six health centres will also be provided, ranging in size from a small hospital to first aid centres. There will also be marketing centres where fruit and vegetables can be sorted, packed and sold and administrative centres and community centres, with sports facilities and libraries.

Two thousand houses quite smart with a couple of bedrooms and a big verandah each -- have already been ordered and are now under co-. nstruction. The total need is

for 12,000 new units by 1983. The JVA builds the houses and then provides people with soft loans to buy them. When it comes to the land, the authority buys out all the owners in the area which is to be irrigated, lays on the water and then redistributes the land, in three or four hectare plots. It is only now that there is beginning to be some reluctance on the part of land holders to sell out to the government. They can see how valuable the land is becoming now that water makes agri-culture possible for the first time. But although the size of land-holdings has been equalized to some extent, farm plots are still all privately

owned. According to officials at the JVA, wages in the valley are substantially higher than the national average.
"We are working," Dr. Haddadin said, "to make the region a counter magnet" to the urban centres in Jordan, Migration between Jordan's northern highlands and the valley at appropriate times in the agricultural year may be encouraged in the future. And Dr. Haddadin is particularly anxious to have women play a bigger role in development the valley, especially as farms become mechanized. He sees them driving tractors, for

The JVA, an amaigamation of three previous development organisations, was only set up last May. What makes it different from any other government agency is that its scope of work is so broad. It is responsible not just for planning in the valley but also for the implementation and maintenance of projects. It has become in effect a kind of regional government. There are of course municipal authorities in some of the settlements of the valley but their responsibilities are very limi-

The JVA now has a staff of over 1100 people. "We do not claim we can make breakthroughs with bureaucracy," Dr. Haddadin said. But he went on to point out that the authority's regulations gave it more flexibility than most government departments. The organisation, he said, was gaining credibility among the people of the valley, because after years of talking and planning, things are actually happening now. "Once we got the money," Dr. Haddadin sawith a vigorous gesture, "then, bang, it was very ra-

Now the authority is finalising plans for the second stage of its seven year plan. It is the sort of project which seems beloved of ald givers. The feasibility of the development seems assured, investment in the valley benefits a lot of people, and also has a direct effect on Jordan's balance of trade. This perhaps explains why the government only has to provide about a third of JVA's annual budget

why Dr. Haddadin seemed confident that the \$880 million that is needed for stage two would not be too difficult to raise.

So, has the experiment in regional planning been a success? "There are signs" said Dr. Haddadin, that it has, For a start, development is moving ahead relatively smoothly, and people are coming back to settle. The government seems to favour applying the same approach to other parts of the country. And it must be taken as a sign of approval that the JVA was asked to extend its authority over the whole area of the rift valley right the way down to Agaba.

> Tomorrow: The Irbid region.



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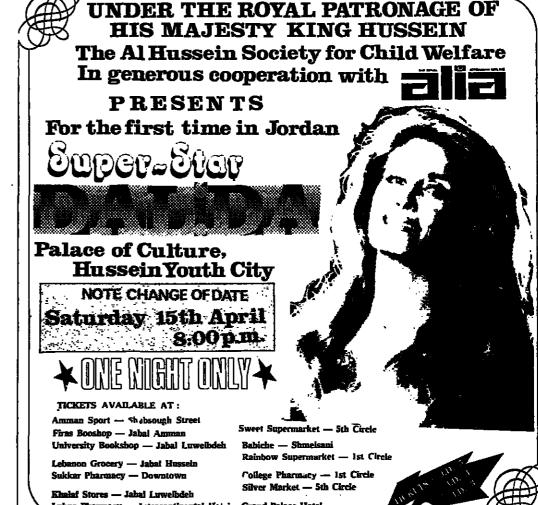
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EEC holds summit to discuss measures for stabilising currencies

COPENHAGEN, April 7 (R). — Leaders of nine European Common Market countries will discuss measures to produce greater currency stability at a two-day summit conference opening today. This will be part of a plan for international action to stimulate the sluggish world economy, increase growth rates and cut rising unemployment.

tion for a summit conference of the seven leading industrial non-communist countries in_Bonn in mid-July.

President Carter and the leaders of Japan, Canada, Britain, France, West Germany and Italy will take part.

The Copenhagen meeting opens amid monetary uncertainties caused by the weakness of the dollar which has made ker Joergensen, who will pre-it harder for West European side at the summit here, told

The talks are in prepara- governments to control their own economies and taken the competitive edge of their ex-

ports. The Common Market is under growing pressure to take protectionist measures, especially against Japanese exports which totalled more than \$5.2 billion to the Common Market alone last year.

Danish Prime Minister An-

Saudis may agree to oil price rise

KUWAIT, April 7 (R). — Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali

Khalifa Al Sabah was quoted today as saying a meeting of the OPEC scheduled for May 4 would be held in the Saudi capital of Riyadh and not in Geneva as originally scheduled.

have no prepared agenda.

"The topics of the conference will be raised during the

for general discussions on future strategy but postponed their

Meanwhile in Zurich Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani told Swiss Television the oil price was

certain to increase once Western economies recover and the

his country was affected by the dollar depreciation, a decis-

ion by the oil exporting countries of OPEC on replacing the

dollar by another currency or basket of currencies was not likely before June at the earliest.

to reduce its oil output in the near future, but he said his government may agree to a slight increase of the oil price.

Mr. Yamani also said there was no reason for Saudi Arabia

He said in the T.V. interview broadcast yesterday although

OPEC oil ministers were to meet in Geneva last Monday

In a brief statement to the daily newspaper Al Siyassah, Sheikh Ali did not say why the venue was to be changed. He said the meeting, dubbed as informal by OPEC, would

OPEC meeting

meeting and not before it," he said.

gathering for a month.

reporters last night he and his colleagues would discuss forming a wider currency grouping than the joint European float.

New currency bloc He had been asked whether the European Community nations planned to create a new currency bloc which would be more flexible than the existfloat, known as the "snake".

The present members of the snake are West Germany, Ho-lland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark and Norway, whose currencies float together with a five per cent range of one another against the dollar and other currencies.

The Common Market countries not in the snake are France, Britain, Italy and Ireland. Norway is the only non-

EEC nation in it. Mr. Joergensen said the su-mmit would discuss international trade, cooperation with developing countries, and ways of reducing the EEC's dependence on imported energy.

The heads of government or their foreign ministers here will also review major internal community developments.

Hair thin glass fibres, when enclosed in a specially designed cable, serve as "wires" in a new telecommunications system Light guides carry voice, data and video signals. Similar light conducting glass stands are being used in nonsurgical exploration of the body's interior. (USIA photo)

Gulf Air gets \$40m. loan

BAHRAIN, April 7 (R). — Gulf Air, a regional airline owned by four Gulf Arab states, yesterday obtained a \$40 million floating rate loan and said it will soon be in the market for more funds.

The loan, the first of its kind for the Bahrain-based airline and obtained from a 21-bank syndicate led by the Gulf International Bank, will finance the purchase of three Boeing 737 short-haul airliners, airline officials said. The seven-year loan, at 1-1/8 per cent above the London inter-bank offered rates, was described by Gulf International Bank General-Manager Khaled Al Fayez as the

Bahrain. Gulf Air operates six 737 planes on its regional routes, including one chartered from another company.

Karamanlis is sure Greece will be EEC member within 2 years

ATHENS, April 7 (R). -Greek Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis said last night he was sure his country would be the 10th member of the Common Market within two years.

He was speaking on his return from visits to Denmark, Luxembourg, Holland and Italy to seek support for entry to the community.

Speaking to reporters at Athens Airport, Mr. Karamanlis said that the main purpose of his visits was to speed up Greece's entry into the Common Market.

Sea law treaty unlikely this session, says conference president

GENEVA, Switzerland, April 7 (AP). — The president of the four and a half year-old Law of the Sea conference said yesterday there was little chance it could agree on a universal sea law convention in the present session, the seventh since 1973.

"Nobody expects us to wrap up a treaty this session. And I fear that if no substantial first Eurodollar loan for a local company to be signed in progress is made now, countries will feel we are wasting our time," Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe told a new conference.

Paris Match locates "sewer rat" mastermind

PARIS, (R). - The man accused of master-minding the 50 million franc (\$11 million) "sewer rat" bank raid in Nice two years ago is alive and living on a ranch in Argentina, the magazine Paris Match reported yesterday, Albert Spaggiani who made a spectacular escape from France in March last year by leaping out of a courthouse window in Nice and getting away on the pillion seat of a motorcycle, was traced by the magazine when he was on a visit to Madrid. Pictures published with the Paris Match story showed Mr. Spassian wearing dark glasses and a false beard.

Princess Margaret to continue public life

LONDON (AP). — Princess Margaret plans to continue her public life and will probably have to abandon her relationship with aspiring pop singer Roddy Llewellyn, it was reported yesterday. Grania Forbes, a British reporter who has close contact with the royal family, wrote that the 47-year, old sister of Queen Elizabeth II has decided not to withdraw from public life and will resume public engagements as soon as she gets over a bout of the flu. The princess rose from her sick bed at Windsor Castle yesterday evening to attend a state banquet given by the queen.

Messerschmidt director general dies

MARSEILLE, France (AP). - Helmut Langfelder, Director General of the West German airplane manufacture Messerchmidt Boilkow Blohm, was killed yesterday in an helicopter crash, French official said, Mr. Langfelder, 49, was on test flight of a Squirrel model helicopter which he was considering buying from the French firm Aerospatiale. The pilot was also killed in the crash, which officials said was caused by motor failure. Another German and another Frenchman among the total of five aboard were reported seriously injured.

Berkowitz still pleads guilty

NEW YORK (AP). - David Berkowitz still wants to plead guilty to the Son of Sam killings of six young persons, it was reported Wednesday. "He doesn't want to put everyone through the circus of a trial," an unidentified relative of the 25year-old Berkowitz was quoted as telling the Long Island newspaper Newsday. "He feels that if all the people he wounded and the relatives of the victims are called to testify, people will hate him all over again."

Kristofferson hasn't licked drink problem

LONDON (AP). - Kris Kristofferson says he's been on the wagon for 18 months but has not licked his drink prob-lem yet. "I'm not cured, but I'm more in control. I'm still not together, I'm still self-destructive, still crazy. But I'd just as soon drink gasoline as go back to the booze," said the free-wheeling Kristofferson, the one who became a movie star playing a drunken rock idol on the skids. Once, tottering more than just a little, Kristofferson apologised to a London audience for his alcoholic performance. At one American gig be actually gave every one of the audience their money back because he figured he had been so bad.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES LONDON MARKET

LONDON, (R). - Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

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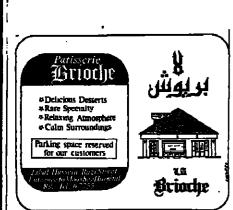
Long-dated bonds were around 3/8 down after 1/2, with sentiment also dampened by fears of higher interest rates, dealers added. Leading industrials eased a few pence after earlier mixed movements and at 15:00, the F.T. index was down 3.6 at 476.8. In equities, Scottish and Universal Investments featured following rejection of share exchange offer from Lonrho, opening 10p higher Friday morning but then easing, for a net 6p gain on the day.

Price of gold closed in London Friday at \$179.10 per ounce.











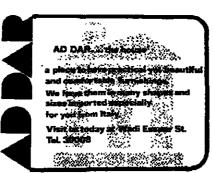






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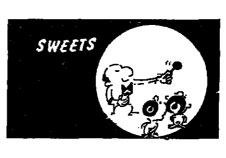














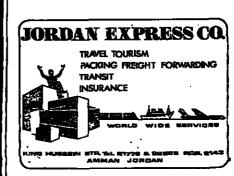




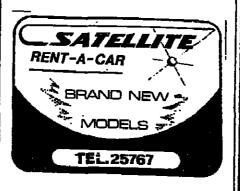


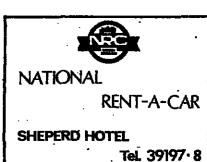


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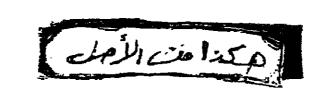


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TATIRIIS (Apr. 20 to May 20) If you are not too demand-

ing about some special favor early, you can then gain it later easily. Handle some business matter with know-how. Group affairs are fine at this time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Get rid of an annoying situation and then confer with an adviser who can help you attain a private aim. Evening can be most happy with a good friend: Avoid extravagances.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Forget that MOUN CITILDINE To the second sine with speed now. others. You are able to game personal others. You are able to improve appearance.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Steer clear of make others. You are able to gain-personal aims with speed now. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Steer clear of a bigwig who is

not in a good humor. Later you can make big strides where advancement is concerned. Seek out persons who can help you with much support for your aims, projects.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Make arrangements now for a trip you are planning. Don't lost your temper with anyone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't argue with a close tie as any misunderstandings will clear up later in the day, or general Keep those promises you have made and gain goodwill.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A partner is very difficult SCORTO (Oct. 25 to 1105. 21) the opposite and all goes well. New conditions present themselves that can be fine for you. Be clever.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The morning may SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The morning may have be slow but later all picks up and you get a good deal accomplished. Try to establish more harmony with coworkers. Avoid one who has devious motives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Contact good friends early and set up appointments for recreation later in the day. Seek information that will make your creative ideas cads guilt workable. Take time out for some reading.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Try to come to a better and have more harmony. E Study a new project from every angle before you get into it. Go out with good friends.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Contact individuals who are your regular allies and set up a more successful plan for the future. Get affairs on a more secure basis.

Batam Island: Monument to one of the most colossal business failures of the

By David Conrad

BATAM ISLAND (F.T.) Just 20 kms, southeast of Singapore -- almost smack on

the equator -- lies the sleepy tropical Island of Batam. One of the many volcanic outcrops of the Indonesian archipelago, it looks from a distance like any of the other sun-baked, monkey-inhabited isles that dot the South China and Java seas: dense rain forests, silvery beaches and heavy cloud banks clinging to the long sloping hills. On clo-ser inspection, however Batam Island reveals more mysterious secrets. On the northern shores the land has been flattened, hills sliced back and pilings driven into the turquoise sea. Smoke idles up

from burning rubbish. There are one or two factories, but few of the machines they contain are in operation. Millions of dollars worth of gleaming new plant quietly corrodes in the sultry air.

Ghost town

Miles of steel pipe, pitted beyond repair, is steadily buried under the wispy grass. Huge cranes stand to one side, hawsers swinging in the gentle breeze, like the skeletons of obsolete monsters. Wide new roads have been cut into the ochre dust, but no traffic uses them. It is a ghost town

-- monument to one of the most colossal business failures of modern times, now remembered simply as Pertamina.

Before the Indonesian state-owned oil conglomerate fell in ruins under a barrage of bribery and corruption law suits, Batam was the apple of the government's eye. The brainchild of Ibnu Sutowo, the now-disgraced former head of Pertamina, Batam Island was scheduled to become "the Houston of Asia."

According to preliminary plans, by 1984 it should have become the major supply base for Southeast Asia's oil industry, providing jobs for 40,000 people. The vision was splended, Batam would rival nearby Singapore and rejuvenate the flagging industrial development of northern Sumatra. The salient features of the development plan included:

1. Oil refinery and power

plant. Industrial development was to focus on a 100,000 barrel-per-day oil refinery and an associated 90 megawatt power plant. A port facility to service oil tankers was planned; this would also act as a trans-shipment point for Indonesian international trade.

2. Infrastructure and service requirements. These included sewerage, refuse disposal, and waste treatment facilities, Roads would connect the major industrial and port facilities. and an airport was to be bu-

Huge cranes, their hawsers swinging in the gentle breeze, stand amid the dust like the skeletons of obsolete monsters ... it is Batam Island ghost town, monument to one of the most colossal business failures of the

livestock development. What ilt in the 1980s. happened to these ambitions? 3. Free trade zone. According to the Batam Developme-The Batam Development Authority should have spent at lent Authority, this would "crast \$182 m. from private ineate an environment attractivestment by now, with \$130 ve to entrepreneurs, especially foreign investors whose actim. from concessional loans from the World Bank of Asian vities can provide a high rate Development Bank and anothof foreign exchange earnings for the Indonesian economy er \$60 m. from Indonesian go-4. Metal fabricating plant. This included facilities to sq-

steel plates -- later to be extoo came the vital Asian panded for refineries, agriculoil exploration programme, upon which Batam's viability tural produce, mining, cannefisheries and pollution rested. Scores of unused rigs 5. Offshore steel structures. began to stand like eerie sen-In the early day of the 1970's tinels around southeast Asian it was estimated that the reports as the programme ground to a virtual halt.

Firms pull Out

One by one, the foreign fi-

ver built. Cattle imported for

the livestock project roamed

through the foothills until on-

ly a few emaciated beasts re-

mained. The workforces of the

quirement for offshore drilling rigs would rise to around \$25 m. a year. 6. Tourism. Early estimates put the potential hotel guest rms which had jumped on the market at 800,000 by 1975, Batam bandwagon began to pull out. The hotels were ne-

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control

rising to 1.5 m, by the end of the decade. An 18-hole golf course would also be put in.
7. Agriculture. 1,500 to 2,000 acres were earmarked for vegetable and fruit production, with another 15,000 for

should have translated into a higher standard of living, never materialised and today they sit in their fly-blown shanty-towns squinting across the straits to Singapore which shimmers on the horizon - a mirage of industrial development they have never known. The four remaining foreign firms are wary of talking ab-

out Batam. One wrong word and they know that their permits may be terminated at any time. As it is, they still vernment funds. But it was have to pay enormous duties not to be everything they import Down came Pertamina, and for their own use.

The largest of the remaindown came Ibnu Sutowo. Doing firms is PT McDermott of the U.S. Once their huge yard

> ction -- nowadays they are reduced to building barges, servicing cranes, and bickering with the Indonesian authorities about redundancy payments for their lald-off workers. PT Dresser Magcobar (also U.S.) is still there: they pro-

was used for oil rig constru-

four remaining companies on

the island have pared to the

bone. For the local people, too,

it has been nothing but dis-appointment. New jobs, which

duce drilling fluids, but are operating well below their 60,000 tons a year capacity. PT Patra Vickers (Australia) simply produces replacement pieces for their operations elsewhere, and Bechtel (U.S.) keep a single man on the island. What he does, nobody seems to know.

Desolation

An air desolation hangs over the whole island. As one expatriate executive notes: Everyone here is on the take. It's rotten with corruption. Even elementary foodstuffs rot at the wharves where they land because the customs officials can't decide how much they want to put in their own pockets." The smallest daily needs thus become ridiculously expensive: Glass beer mugs, for example, are dutiable

But is the Batam project really dead, is it just another victim of the Pertamina fias-co? This is hard to answer. From time to time the island is rocked by rumours of massive new investments. The latest involves Kuwait, reported to be considering investing there. "The trouble is," notes another executive, "that these rumours live for a day, then vanish. Nothing actually happens here."

One American businessman reckons that Batam needs another \$500 m. just to get off the ground again, to revive the original dreams. Meanwhile, Batam slides back to where it came from -- gentle, peaceful obscurity.

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Faced with semi-stagnation at home American bankers turn increasingly to European markets

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By Terry Byland Of the Financial Times, London the U.S. bank was planning to LONDON (FT). - The local

restaurant owners were well pleased with the news that Printing House Square, the original home of the Times newspaper, had after standing empty for some time, been sold to Co-ntinental Illinois, the U.S. banking group. For more months than anyone cared to recall, the building, on a prime site in the City of London, had lain empty, while the cafe owners mourned the absence of the journalists and office workers

As the news leaked out that

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THE VIEW ...

spend as much on refurnishing the building as it had paid for the freedhold, the local entrepreneurs smiled even more bro-

adly.

The installation in the building by its new owners of air conditioning tinted double glazing, suspended acoustic ceilings and landscaping for the forecourt confirmed that this was another major move by a leading U.S. bank in London, Although Continental Illinois had been in the City for many years, it was clear that the new building was to be a maj-

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AND SEE A WHALE

SWIM BY ...

With much firepower at their belts, American bankers are gunning for more business in London and on the Continent. They bring certain risks with them, and their continued advance could come under fire both from Europe and the United States.

U.S. bankers into Europe has, contrary to many previous expectations, moved on a direct route via London.

The reason is not hard to see. Bankers follow their customers, and the major U.S. business The onward march of the Europe in the sixties have now

settled into a pattern in which their manufacturing plant may be in West Germany, Holland or France, but their all-important head offices, where dwell the accountants and the finance directors, are often concentra-

The European expansion of

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the U.S. industrial giants has provided the spearhead for penetration by the U.S. banks, whose lending to the international money markets and to the private non-bank sector in Europe has grown from strength to strength in the past four

At the end of last year, U.S. banks had in total some \$164bn of foreign loans outstanding, with nearly half this figure lent in the group of ten major industrialised countries.

And, in spite of criticism

still current inside the United States regarding the status of ers, it is likely that loans to Europe will increase.

The latest round of quarter-

ly trading results from the U.S. banks underlines the significance to them of their overseas earnings. After suffering a massive setback in the wake of the 1974-75 industrial recession, the banks are now seeing signs of a strong recovery.

But the recovery has been strongest among the regional banks, like Texas or California. The major international bankers, like Citicorp, J.P. Morgan, and Chemical Bank are finding it hard to maintain their growth tracks

Looking for overseas growth

Faced with this semi-stagnation, the banking majors have been looking increasingly for overseas growth. Among the ten largest banks, some 50 per cent of earnings in 1976 came from international operations. In the first nine months of 1977 earnings at Citicorp, one of the New York leaders, were down by 2 per cent: but this was made up of a 43 per cent decline in domestic U.S. earnings offset by a 15 per cent ings, offset by a 15 per cent rise in international earnings. The U.S. bankers, having first

come to London to cater for the needs of their fellow American businesses in need of finance in the old world, were quickly encouraged to expand by the burgeoning of the Eurodollar markets.

The financing of North Sea oil, which largely involved the U.S. international banks, toge-

ther with the more recent boom in U.S. takeovers by European bankers deeper into the U.K. and Continental financial mar-

But the most significant factor in the past year has been the interest rate between the loans by U.K. bankers and the inter-bank rates on which the American lenders work, Domestic bank interest rates in the U.K. have been kept relatively high by the need of the home banks, which draw most of their funds from the deposits at their local branches, to contend with the building

es and the host of other com-petitors for U.K. savings. Of the 38 American banks now open for business in London, the five biggest are empowered by their respective head offices to lend up to \$150m. to \$200m. With this kind of firepower at their belts, the banks are no longer restricting their loans business to Britain's multi-national giants, but are looking for business throughout the range of U.K. in-

The American banking pre-sence in London, evidenced yet again recently by the links es-tablished between Texas (as well as Arab) banking interests and Hill Samuel, one of Brita-in's largest and most ambitious merchant bankers, has brought a considerable impetus to the international lending mar-

But there are some doubts now as to the outlook for the longer term. Inside the U.S., doubts regarding the extent of U.S. overseas lending continue to circulate. And in Europe there are now some fears that the U.S. banks have encouraged a general over-expansion of the Eurodollar markets. Any setback in U.S. banking

progress would now have immediate and upsetting effects up-on the Continental and U.K. banking systems. It is possible that the continued expansion of the U.S. banks into Europe may come under fire from the host countries as well as from within the U.S. itself. -- Financial Times

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Brezhnev blames U.S. indecision for delay U.S. new SALT accord once embargo is lifted,

MOSCOW, April 7 (R). - Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev today blamed the delay in reaching a new Strategic Arms Limitation (SALT) accord on indecision and inconsistency by the Carter administration. In a speech apparently aimed at bringing home Soviet impatience over the slow SALT negotiations, the Communist Party chief told sailors in the Far East port of Vladivostok that most of the issues which held up agreement had been

"If the final conclusion of this work is nevertheless being delayed, this is evidently for political reasons," he said.

"The fact is that the United States government shows indecision, inconsistency and looks back at the circles which were against this agreement from the very beginning and which are doing everything they can to thwart it..."

Mr. Brezhnev said: "There are forces east and west of our frontiers that are interested in the arms race, in the heightening of the atmosphere of fear and hostility."

Mr. Brezhnev, who went on to condemn the controversial U.S. neutron bomb -- not covered by SALT -- was repeating recent Soviet complaints over what is seen here as vacillation by the Carter adminis-

Philippine

The Kremlin chief's remarks, delivered on board a Soviet navy cruiser, were seen as setting out the Soviet position for talks in Moscow in two weeks between U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei

Final agreement has been delayed largely over argument about the conclusion of the highly accurate U.S. Cruise missile in SALT II.

The Brezhnev speech came during the latest stop in the Soviet president's tour of Siberia and the Soviet far east. He is accompanied on the trip by Soviet Defence Minis-

ter Dmitri F. Ustinov. Mr. Brezhnev's trip has included watching rocket testfirings near Novosibirsk and inspecting military installations in the vicinity of the sen-

elections

end without incident

MANILA, April 7 (R). - Polling in the Philippines' first electi-

ons under martial law ended without major incident today, des-

pite scuffles near voting booths and a noisy demonstration last

night by opposition supporters.

President Marcos warned opposition candidates they could

be arrested if there was any violence. He told newsmen, how-

ever, that he had ordered security forces to exercise restraint.

The opposition said some of their poll watchers had been arrested, and reported some cases of alleged cheating.

because the president's New Society Movement, led by his wife

Imelda, faces its stiffest opposition here against a People's Po-

which is supposed to pave the way for full parliamentary dem-

The Philippines has been under martial law since 1972.

polls, usually in bright sunshine. Voting was particularly heavy

until tomorrow but in most of the country, the government is

assured of victory since it has the only national list and effecti-

wer Group led by detained former Sen. Benigno Aquino.

Metropolitan Manila has become the centre of the contest

The elections are for a 200-seat Interim National Assembly

Most of more than 20 million eligible voters trooped to the

Voting trends are not likely to be clear from official results

Early counting in precincts in the heart of Manila showed

sitive Soviet-Chinese border, as well as his visit to the Soviet Pacific fleet homeported at Vladivostok.

Later this month, U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus R. Van-ce is planning to visit Moscow for top-level talks -- and the stalled strategic arms negotiations are expected to be a prime Item on the agenda.

Vance will make tour of Africa Europe, USSR

WASHINGTON, April 7 (R). - U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will leave next week on an extensive over-seas tour taking him to Afri-ca, Europe and the Soviet Union, U.S. officials said yesterday.

The officials stressed that several details of Mr. Vance's ltinerary were not yet definite, but said it would begin next Thursday when he would fly to Arusha, Tanzania, to meet the leaders of the Rhodesian Patriotic Front guerrilla organisation

The officials said that from Salisbury, Mr. Vance will fly to London and hoped to attend the opening session of a Central Treaty Organisation (CENTO) meeting on April 18.

Mr. Vance will leave London on April 19 for Moscow, where he will hold two days of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrel Gromyko. He will leave Moscow on April 21 or 22 and was tentatively planning to return to Washington, the officials said.

According to new understanding

can reopen bases

 Secretary of State Cyrus
 Vance said yesterday he had an understanding with Turkey that lifting an embargo on the supply of U.S. arms would allow the U.S. to return to its bases there.

He told a congressional hearing the United States would seek to discuss the reopening of the bases after the embargo was lifted and before any new agreement was signed. The arms ban was imposed three years ago following Turkey's invasion of Cyprus.

Mr. Vance made the disclosures as he issued a strong appeal to the House of Representatives International Relations Committee for the lifting of the embargo. He earlier said that Turkish

leaders would put forward constitutional and territorial proposals on the Cyprus dispute with Greece in about 10

Citing statements by Turki-sh and Turkish Cypriot leaders he said there was reason to believe the proposals to be presented to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim would be a significant advance on what was offered at talks in

Vienna a year ago. Stressing that lifting the arms embargo was not linked to progress on the Cyprus dispute Mr. Vance said, however, that it would create a better atmosphere in the region and would make progress on the matter more likely.

No linkage to dispute

But he said the administration was recommending the embargo repeal "without linkage" to the Cyprus dispute. He acknowledged that such an action would strain relations with Greece but said he

did not believe it would lead to a rupture. Leading pro-Greek members of Congress have announced they will fight repeal of the

embargo. Both Mr. Vance and Defence Secretary Harold Brown

painted a gloomy picture of deteriorating NATO strength on its south-eastern flank as a result of Turkey's ageing military equipment.

Mr. Brown said failure to lift the embargo might cause Turkey to turn away from the United States as arms supplier and in the long run to turn to the Soviet Union for its weapons.

Mr. Vance said both Greece and Turkey were valued allies of the United States and that the proposals to lift the embargo did not represent any shift in U.S. policy over differences between the two Mediterranean countries.

The administration's request for Congress to lift its Turkish Arms embargo is being accompanied by proposals to provide Turkey with a military loan of \$175 million, the same amount as last year, and for an economic assistance loan of \$50 million.

For Greece, the administration is proposing \$140 million in military financing, also the same level as last year.

CENTO plans defence exercises next week

ANKARA, April 7 (R). — The air forces of Pakistan, and Turkey, together with contingents from Britain and United States, will join in a defence exercise starting week, the headquarters of the Central Treaty Organis (CENTO) announced today. The CENTO-sponsored exercise annual part of the pact's training programme. CENTO links three regional powers with Britain. The United States, alth not a member, takes part in its work. The CENTO annou ment gave no precise dates for the exercise.

U.S. Nazis get go-ahead for Chicago march

CHICAGO, April 7 (R). — American Nazis today got an ective go-ahead from a federal appeal court for their plan march through a Jewish district of Chicago but a local reg tion will prevent them holding it on Hitler's birthday. The N wanted to mark the 99th anniversary of the Nazi leader's b on April 20 with a March through the north Chicago distric Skokie. More than half Skokle's 70,000 residents are Jewish many of them are survivors of Nazi camps. Jewish and lefts activists have vowed violent confrontation if ever the me

U.S. grounds trouble-plagued bombers

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP). — The U.S. air force yest day grounded its fleet of trouble-plagued F-111 fighter bomb and FB-111 bombers for the second time in less than four mont The multi-million dollar warplanes will be grounded pending investigation of why an F-111 escaped capsule-parachute fai to open, killing two crewmen after their plane was struck lightning as it prepared to land in Lakenheathen, England,

Voyager 2 develops radio receiver trouble

PASADENA, California, April 7 (AP). - Yoyager 2, mo than 286 million miles from earth on its way to Jupiter as Saturn, has developed a radio receiver problem that could ea its mission, officials said yesterday. Engineers at Jet Propulsic Laboratory learned Wednesday night that the craft's primar radio receiver was malfunctioning rendering the craft unab to receive commands from earth. A computer on board Voyage 2 was to automatically switch to a backup receiver next week but scientists were afraid that receiver is also malfunctionin said laboratory spokesman Al Wood. The cause of the malfun tion was not known.

Meteorite burns up in Sydney sky

SYDNEY, Australia, April 7 (AP). - A meteorite burned u in the sky north of Sydney today in what one witness describ ed as a "ball of fire as big as the moon." Newspapers and broad cast stations were swamped with calls after the meteorite slam med into the atmosphere. "It was very big and had a bright green flame, it looked like the moon crossing the sky," said a witness one of the hundreds who rushed out to watch the show. "It came over pretty low and travelling very fast." It was not known it any fragments survived the flery entry and fell to earth.

Eritrea expects 3-pronged by Ethiopia ROME, April 7 (R). - Eri-Another attack was expecttrean rebels said today they mara -- could come at any

believe Ethiopia, backed by Russia and Cuba, is about to launch a three-pronged attack in an attempt to regain rull control of the disputed province of Eritrea.

But Mr. Ermias Debesai, a spokesman for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EP-LF), told Reuters that Ethiopia was in a "dream" if it believed the attack would succeed, "The masses are with us." he declared.

Last night the U.S. State Department in Washington said Cuba had sent more troops into Eritrea and there was evidence that they had been involved in fighting rebel for-

The former Italian colony of Eritrea, which was handed to Ethiopia by the United Nations in 1950, is largely under the control of secessionist guerril-

Mr. Ermias said today the three attacks -- one from inland, another from the sea and a third from the Ethiopian-

Mr. Ermias said Ethiopia had built a naval base in the Dahlak Islands in the Red Sea with the help of Russians and Cubans and was able to land supplies there.

They could attack through the port city of Massawa or intervene inland by dropping troops by parachute and helicop-

ed from the inland province of Tigre along two roads to Asmara from the Ethiopian capitalof Addis Ababa. Ethiopia's third attack could take the form of a new attempt to break the guerrilla

siege of Asmara, which had been reinforced recently with about 3,500 Cuban troops, Mr.

Only five Eritrean cities are now under Ethiopian control.

protests new Turkish attempt colonise **Famagusta** UNITED NATIONS, April 7 (R). - Cyprus last night pro-

tested that Turkey was making a new attempt to colonise the New Town of Famagusta, formery occupied by Greek Cypriots. About 120 houses and stores had been "usurped and allotted to colonist-settlers from mainland Turkey," Cypriot charge d 'Affaires Joseph Stephanides said in a note to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

Work was also under way to complete two partly-finished high-rise apartment buildings, he said.

These actions are indicative of the ruthless determination of the government of Mr. (Bulent) Ecevit to proceed systematically for the complete colonisation of the New Town of Famagusta which has always been vigorously advocated by the Turkish prime minister," he said.

Greek Cypriots fied from Famagusta when Turkey invaded

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Western medicine is starting take traditional healers Cyprious ned from ramagusta when lunkey invaded. Cyprious and occupied the northern part of the island in 1974. Their part of the port -- the New Town -- was sealed off and left empty. Africa more seriously ooked bridge

By Jean-Marc Fleury

ve campaign machine

mixed response.

KINSHASA (F.T.) - "The Zebola sickness began a long time ago with a woman called Madzika. Because she was very beautiful her friends talked about her a great deal, out of jealousy. Thus, one day, evil spirits heard her name and entered her body. They carried her under the waters of the great river Zaire. Three days leave the great days later she emerged: Her clothing was dry and in her mouth she carried medications given to her by the spirits. Through her mouth the spirits then explained how these medications were to be used."

This is the legend of how the Zebola rites, one of the great African therapeutic rites, began. Today, Zebola sickness and treatment still exist. In Kin-

shasa, the capital of Zaire, people from all walks of life consult the Zebola healers, often because of psychological troubles or following a depression. As Ellen Corin, a psychologist participating in a research project on traditional medicine explains, most of the patients consulting Zebola healers have usually been unsuccessfully treated by Western-style doctors or other healers. Most of them are women for whom the process of adaptation to urban life is particularly difficult. The Zebola treatment often succeeds in reconciling them with their environment and in restoring their self-confidence.

Village healers

Far from the city, in the heart of the Zaire countryside, is the village of Mbindo Lala. The village chief and his wife are both healers and the village itself functions as a hospital where 35 to 50 patients live, often with members of their families. Most of them

In the West, medical researchers are trying to rediscover the links between disease and the patient's environment. But down in Mbindo Lala in Zaire, they have always known about it -- and Western medicine is taking the traditional healers of Africa more and more seriously.

suffer from psychological dis-orders; a few are incurable and live here permanently. Mbindo Lala is a genuine therapeutic community where patients and family help one another and maintain a com-munity spirit. The everyday village life led by the patients eases their return to normal

In Zaire, the Zebola rites and village-hospitals are only two forms of traditional medicine. The importance the population attaches to these forms of health care is not new. The interest manifested by the government is, however, re-cent. At the root of this re-newed interest is the realisation that a high percentage of the population, unable to obtain modern medical care or drugs, have recourse to traditional healers.

Professor Mamadou Koumare, director of Mali's National Research Institute on Pharmacology and Traditional Medicine, estimates that 90 per cent of the Malian population consults healers. Even those who can afford modern medical care will resort to traditional medicine, or will consult

both. It was also recognised that, in the short term, it would be impossible to provide modern medical care to the entire population, particularly in rural areas. The high cost of training personnel and of equipment is beyond the means of most developing countries. And finally, it appeared that traditional forms of treatment could be effective, at least in

certain cases.
With the help of the International Development Research Centre of Canada, a vast research programme was launched in Zaire, in 1975, with a view to integrating traditional healers in the country's health care programme. During the past two years some 1,250 healers have been interviewed, their specialities and the num-

ber of their patients noted. The researchers from the Department of Traditional Medicine of Zaire's Institute de Recherche Scientifique then drew up complete files for half of these healers: The healer's diagnosis, his therapeutic pro-cedures and his evaluation of the patient's progress were recorded. At the same time the researchers made their own diagnosis and observations on the patient's health. Patient follow-up has furnished them with detailed information about the actual workings of traditional medicine and enabled comparisons to be made with

modern medicine. Therapeutic approach

According to Gilles Bibeau. a researcher participating in the IRS study, some knowledge of botany, chemistry, anatomy, psychology, psychiatry and sociology enter into traditional medicine. All this knowledge is considered as a whole and is applied in a therapeutic practice that is much more all-embracing than that of Western medicine. It does not, of course ignore the orga-nic and physical aspects of ill-

ness, but the approach stresses the social and psychological factors involved. At the levels of diagnosis

and treatment, African medi-cine considers the disease to be a complex phenomenon where physical, psychological and social factors are at work. It is believed that a cure can take place only if these aspects of the person are treated simultaneously.

A special session of the African Regional Committee of the World Health Organisation has recommended that each member country implement a dyna-mic policy aimed at rehabilitat-ing traditional medicine, accompanied by research prog-rammes on healer training the extent of the healer's influence, and on medicinal plants. It also advocated the analysis of medicinal plants as a starting point for the development of an authentically African

pharmaceutical industry.

In Mali and Zaire, the recognition of the role of traditional medicine is not meant to downplay modern medicine. It seeks rather to promote cooperation between Western trained doctors and traditional healers. For Professor Koumare, the two approaches are too difficult to be integrated. Governments, he says, must support two parallel systems that intermix -- if only by the frequent mixing of traditional and modern drugs in the pati-ent's body -- but keep their particularities.

The development of these systems will be watched with interest, not only in Africa, but also in developed coun-tries where medicine is now trying to rediscover the links between disease and the patient's environment, just as it has always been done in Mbin-

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BY CHARLES H. GOREN 9 1978 by Chicago Tribuna Both vulnerable. South

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South West North East 2NT Pass 3 ↑ Pass 4 ↑ Pass 6NT Pass Pass Pass Opening lead: Jack of ♡. When this hand cropped

up in a rubber bridge game,

declarer exhibited the technique of a champion to bring home a slam that seemed destined to founder on the shoals of distribution. North's decision to bid six

no trump can only be described as a stroke of divine inspiration. Observe that the more normal contract of six spades would have no play as the cards lie, for declarer cannot avoid losing two trump tricks.

West led his top heart, and declarer was delighted with his dummy. However, he was a pessimist by nature and realized that the only thing that could jeopardize his contract was a 4-0 spade

break. Therefore, he devised a plan that would give him his contract should either defender turn up with all four missing spades.

Declarer won the first trick in dummy and led a low spade. When East showed out, declarer played the ace and then a low spade. West could not afford to win this trick, for that would allow declarer to bring in the whole suit, so he followed with the nine. Dummy's queen won. Declarer had two spade

tricks in the bag, and he could count three heart tricks and four clubs, for a total of nine. Therefore, he needed only three diamond tricks to fulfill his slam, and these could be negotiated without risking his contract. He returned to his hand with the ace of hearts and ran the jack of diamonds. If this won, declarer had three diamond tricks on top. If the jack lost, East, who was known to be out of spades, would have to return another suit, and declarer would still get his three diamond tricks.

Note that the contract would succeed even if East held all the spades. Declarer leads a spade from dummy and finesses the jack. When West shows out, declarer unblocks the ace of hearts and runs the jack of diamonds, not caring whether the finesse wins or not. He has the ace of diamonds as an entry to dummy to cash the high heart and club entries to his hand to take his minor





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